

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, On October 3, 1930, Arthur and Anna Berg, with a committed few, started Sioux Falls Gospel Tabernacle in downtown Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after coming off the mission field in the Congo, Africa; and,

Whereas, The church made a lasting impact on the community of Sioux Falls with nightly revival meetings and the longest running religious radio broadcast in South Dakota history, broadcast over KSOO and then, as it changed its name, KELO; and,

Whereas, In 1978, Pastor James Allen helped the congregation make the move to a new location to the outer edge of town where a dream was born to create a Christian Center to minister to people of all ages, cradle to grave, implementing a daycare, a school, and various outreach ministries such as Deaf Ministry, and along with these changes came the name change to First Assembly of God Christian Center; and,

Whereas, In the 1990s under Pastor Ron Traub, First Assembly planted three churches: Brandon Valley Assembly of God, an African congregation, and an Assemblies of God church in Lennox, South Dakota, and in 2005, they planted Crosswalk Community Church in Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, In 2011, the congregation welcomed new lead pastors, Quentin and Dianne Beard, and the name change to Sioux Falls First, pledging to be a congregation that believes there's a seat at the table for all ethnicities, backgrounds, and individuals, reaching them by connecting, growing, and serving the people of Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, Sioux Falls First continues the legacy of these 85 years by putting Sioux Falls first in their focus to reach their community with God's love, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach this area and their world with the message of hope in Christ:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2015, as

SIOUX FALLS FIRST DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State